Provost Charlestown 1780

Feb. 24 1967

Mr. Eric P. Newman

Dear Mr. Newman:

Many thanks for your very prompt reply to my letter Feb. 15.

Our idea would be to have you have a plate made for us from your original; of course we will pay for this, but will leave the quality to your discretion. I don't believe this would cost over $25.00.

Our contract with the D.A.R. who are the owners of the building, forbids us from selling anything in the dungeon, however, they have expressed a desire to have a history printed on the back and let us sell these "Public Orders".

If you are agreable to this, please proceed with having the plate made. If you would like to have payment in advance please send estimate and we will forward check.

Yours Truly,

H. Morrison Swift

P.S. I forgot to send this until now. Please excuse the delay

Provost Charlestown 1780

Feb. 24 1967

Mr Eric P. Newman

Dear Mr Newman;

Many thanks for your prompt reply to my letter Feb 15th.

We would appreciate your purchasing for us a plate of the original "1767 Public Order." We will leave the quality of this plate up to you. If the cost of the plate should exceed $25.00 please let me know, otherwise please proceed.

We will probably reproduce this Order with a brief history of the building on the back and use this as one means of raising money for the restoration of this valued building.

Your offer to loan the original is appreciated, however, I am afraid we lack the protection needed

Yours Truly,

C. Harrington Jewell

December 28, 1967

The Provost
Dungeon under the Exchange Building
Charleston, South Carolina 29400

Dear Mr. Bissell:

I believe that you were neglected in your desire to have a photograph of the Public Order containing the picture of the Exchange Building. The photographer whom I asked to do this work was busy working on the lunar project and put my request aside. It required specialized work to get a good picture.

I enclose herewith the two negatives which he prepared, one of the whole bill and one of the portion containing the Exchange Building. I also enclose an enlargement of the portion containing the Exchange Building and two contact prints of that same negative. I am sure you can have contact prints or enlargements made of the whole bill if you wish.

In any event, if you would like to send a check for $15 payable to L. H. Spradley, who did the photography, it would be a nice gesture. We will turn the check over to him. This was a very difficult item to photograph because the contrast was so poor and special film had to be used.

We hope we have been of service.

Yours very truly,

Eric P. Newman

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Enclosures

Provost

British Prison 1780

SECESSION ST.

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Jan 3 1968

Dear Mr. Newman;

We would like to acknowledge receipt of two negatives of Public Order in connection with Exchange building and are enclosing check to Mr. Spadley for his kind work.

Charleston will have its tri-centennial in 1970 and I wonder if you have any Colonial and or Revolutionary money pertaining to South Carolina and especially to Charleston during that period? Our thought would be to have these reproduced in a souvenir package for sale during the Celebration. Possibly you could recommend the best firm in the repro-business to do the job.

Your kind help and assistance is appreciated

Yours truly.

Harrington Bissell

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 8, 1968

Mr. Harrington Bissell
The Provost
Dungeon under the Exchange Building
Secession St.
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Bissell:

We have a large group of paper money from South Carolina, most of it referring to Charleston, but are very cautious about reproductions. We find that unless reproductions are specifically indicated as such they cause tremendous havoc in the future as people think they are originals. We therefore have a policy of not being a party to any reproductions which may lead to further numismatic difficulty.

I am sure your group can think of something better.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/stb

Provost

British Prison 1780

SECESSION ST.

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Mr Eric P. Newman

Jan 22 1968

Dear Mr. Newman,

We tried to have a line negative made of Pillie order you sent us, but unfortunately the background could not be taken out with this negative.

The printer said that what should be done is to take the original to a printer and have a line negative taken from the original stopping out the background, this would give us a good clear Graphic Arts negative to make the offset plate from. If the signatures are in blue ink, a filter could be used to bring them out.

I know this is asking a lot, as you have been most helpful, however if you could possibly have it done in 8½ hours we will be happy to pay cost. We will print history of Exchange building on back.

awaiting your reply

Yours Truly

C. Heyward Trezevant

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 5, 1968

Mr. Harrington Bissell
Provost
British Prison 1780
Secession St.
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Bissell:

The signatures are brown ink. The printing from the engraved plate is in brown ink, and it is not possible to make a line cut from the original.

I suggest that you have a negative photocopy made of the picture and then blank out the background with black ink or otherwise; then you can produce a line cut for reproduction.

We hope we have been helpful.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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